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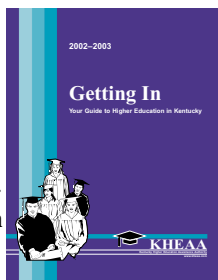
The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) is pleased to announce the availability of its 2002–2003 publications for high school students, parents, and guidance counselors.

If you need additional copies, you may contact Hilda Long at the address or number above. Additional copies, if available, will be distributed as soon as possible. These publications are also available on KHEAA's Web site www.kheaa.com.

GETTING IN

Getting In, now in its 28th edition, provides up-to-date information to counselors, parents, and students seeking details about higher education. *Getting In* includes information about:

- How to prepare for higher education.
- High school graduation requirements.
- Entrance tests and test dates.
- Types of postsecondary schools.



- Transfers between community colleges and state universities.
- Online learning.
- Financial aid questions and answers.
- Tips for obtaining student aid.
- Avoiding scholarship scams.
- Browsing the Web.
- Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and other financial aid applications.
- Major financial aid programs.
- Lenders that participate in providing student loans and their borrower benefits.
- Kentucky higher education institutions (including their mailing, e-mail, and Web site addresses; financial aid and admissions office telephone numbers; costs; enrollment; admissions criteria; special programs and services; and academic majors).

Getting In is now being mailed to high school guidance counselors for distribution to seniors, is included in the Success Through Educational Planning (STEP) packet for juniors, and is available on KHEAA's Web

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The Counselor Connection is published by KHEAA, a state government agency, to share information with school counselors regarding:

- *The Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) as well as other scholarship, grant, work-study, savings, and loan programs for Kentuckians.*
- *Higher education planning materials and outreach services.*
- *Workshops, conferences, and special events.*
- *Reports and summaries on higher education issues related to preparation of students for postsecondary education.*

Comments and suggestions about the Counselor Connection are welcomed and appreciated. Please send them to KHEAA via e-mail to shopkins@kheaa.com.

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What's Inside!



You should receive the following inserts with this issue of the *Counselor Connection*.

- *Affording Higher Education*
- STEP booklets 9–12
- KEES brochure
- *Getting In* poster

- STEP poster
- KEES poster

If you did not receive all of these inserts, please contact Hilda Long at one of the above addresses or numbers.

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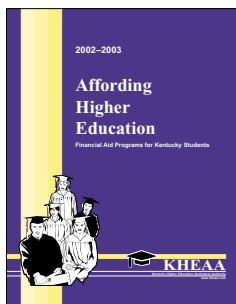
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site www.kheaa.com. We ask that *Getting In* be distributed to all seniors, not just those who are considered college bound.

AFFORDING HIGHER EDUCATION

Affording Higher Education has been expanded and now contains information about more than 3,100 student financial aid programs available to Kentucky students. Listings are divided into the following categories:

- State government.
- Federal government.
- Public universities.
- Private colleges, universities, and seminaries.
- Community colleges.
- Technical colleges
- Degree-granting proprietary schools.
- Nondegree-granting proprietary trade schools.
- Kentucky companies.
- Kentucky organizations.



A copy of *Affording Higher Education* is included with this edition of the *Counselor Connection*. Copies have also been mailed to high school and public libraries and financial aid offices for use by students of all ages. *Affording Higher Education* can be found in its entirety at www.kheaa.com.

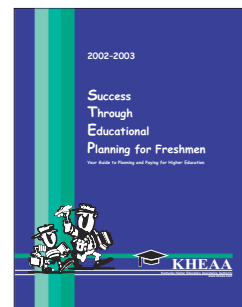
STEP BOOKLETS

Success Through Educational Planning (STEP) booklets are designed to reinforce counselors' efforts to help students pursue college or technical training. Higher education planning materials and financial aid information are sent directly into the home to benefit both students and parents.

Sample *STEP* booklets for freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors are enclosed. All *STEP* publications can be found at www.kheaa.com.

Packets are designed for students in each grade level and include:

- High school graduation requirements.
- Study suggestions.
- Checklists to prepare for higher education.
- Postsecondary school information.
- Tips on choosing a school, major, or career.
- Major sources of financial aid.
- Detailed information about the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES).



All *STEP* packets are provided free of charge as a service of Kentucky State Government. Packets are revised annually to reflect the most up-to-date information to prepare for higher education.

KCA Conference

KHEAA will participate as a presenter and an exhibitor at the 45th annual Kentucky Counseling Association (KCA) conference October 23–25 at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville. All counselors are invited to stop by KHEAA's exhibit to pick up the latest information about KHEAA programs and services, including new borrower benefits from the Student Loan PeopleSM, and a gift.

Publications Copyrighted

Reminder: KHEAA publications are copyrighted and should not be used for proprietary purposes. Permission is granted to elementary, middle, and high school guidance counselors to copy *Getting In*, *Affording Higher Education*, and *STEP* publications for distribution to students currently enrolled in their respective educational institutions.

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New Borrower Benefits Help Counselors

The Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation, also known as The Student Loan People, recently announced dramatic new borrower benefits for their customers.

BestStart reduces the origination fees on loans made beginning August 1, 2002, to 1% and offers borrowers who complete an academic year of study a 2% reduction in that year's loan principal. In addition, once a borrower enters repayment and makes 30 consecutive on-time payments, The Student Loan People will reduce the borrower's original loan principal by 3.5%. This is a great benefit for new borrowers.

But what about borrowers who already have loans with The Student Loan People and who happen to be teachers, librarians, or counselors? They have a plan for you as well. Best in Class is geared specifically for borrowers who are certified teachers and working in a Kentucky public or non-profit elementary or secondary school.

If you are a certified teacher working as a classroom instructor, school librarian, or counselor, Best in Class will save you money on your current student loans. At the end of the 2002-2003 school year, have your principal sign a form stating you have taught for this year and send the form to The Student Loan People. The Student Loan People will distribute these forms later this year. They will also be available online at www.studentloanpeople.com. Once received, the interest will be forgiven for this year, and any amount that you have already paid that was applied toward interest will be deducted from the principal.

In addition, special education teachers will have 20% of their original loan principal forgiven as well.

So if you borrowed money from The Student Loan People, still have an existing balance, are a certified teacher, and work in a Kentucky public or non-profit elementary or secondary school, call 888-678-4625 to see how these borrower benefits can work for you. If you did not borrow from the Student Loan People, you can still qualify for the Best In Class benefits by consolidating your student loans through the Student Loan People.

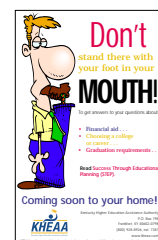


Posters

Enclosed in this edition of the *Counselor Connection* are posters to help make your students aware of KHEAA's *Getting In* and *STEP* publications.

Also enclosed is a poster featuring the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) to encourage students to make good grades and earn money to help pay for college or technical training.

Please display these posters prominently in your school.



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KASFAA Workshops

KHEAA will participate in the fall series of Counselor Training Workshops, coordinated by the Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (KASFAA). Middle and secondary school personnel, as well as vocational education and vocational rehabilitation counselors, are invited to attend any of the nine free, one-day training workshops designed to enhance attendees' knowledge of college financial aid programs and other important student services. Registration packets for these workshops are scheduled to be mailed in mid-September. Each participant will receive a certificate of attendance for six hours of credit applicable toward Instructional Leadership Training requirements.

KHEAA will provide participants with an update on the KEES program as well as provide information about other KHEAA student financial aid programs and services.

The following organizations are contributing their resources and personnel to provide informative and worthwhile sessions: ACT Assessment Services, KASFAA, KCTCS, KDE, KHEAA, and Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet. Host colleges and financial institutions are also contributing.

The workshops, which will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 3:15 p.m., are scheduled for:

November 6	Murray State University
November 7	Madisonville Community College
November 12	Morehead State University
November 13	Prestonsburg Community College
November 14	Union College

November 19	Western Kentucky University
November 20	University of Louisville
November 21	Thomas More College
November 22	Georgetown College

Legislative Update

The following bills, passed by the Kentucky General Assembly during its 2002 Regular Session, became law on July 15:

- **House Bill 59** permits a student who is a Kentucky resident but attends high school out of state while his or her parent or guardian is serving in the United States military to qualify for Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) awards. The parent must maintain Kentucky residency while in the military.
- **House Bill 684** will allow KEES-eligible students enrolled in a graduate or professional program after only two or three years of undergraduate work to receive KEES funds for the maximum of eight (8) semesters. These equivalent undergraduate programs of study will be designated by the Council on Postsecondary Education, and postsecondary institutions will report those students in the same manner as other eligible high school students.

KHEAA is proposing to promulgate the following administrative regulation:

- Changes to **11 KAR 15:080** will require participating high schools to report to KHEAA any additions, changes, or corrections to a KEES-eligible high school student's yearly GPA or ACT score no later than three (3) months after an eligible postsecondary student begins enrollment at a participating institution for the first time after graduation from high school.

Mapping Your Future

Mapping Your Future is a public service Web site whose sponsors include KHEAA. The site offers detailed information and guided tours for middle and high school students and counselors about planning a career, selecting a school, and paying higher education expenses. By visiting the site, www.mapping-your-future.org, students can find out about grants and scholarships by conducting free searches from EduPrep, CollegeLink, FastWeb, SRN Express, and ExPAN. Due to the availability of these links and students' increased accessibility to the Internet, KHEAA will no longer process paper scholarship searches for students.